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1. (SBU) Per email exchanges with S/CT and the EUR/CARC, the Embassy understands the U.S. is considering two draft Critical Energy Infrastructure Protection (CEIP) MOUs with the GOAJ. The Embassy recommends that any MOU list the governments of Azerbaijan and the U.S. as the parties to the agreement. Listing the U.S. as the party to any MOU will gain more traction with the GOAJ, particularly as CEIP responsibilities are distributed among many GOAJ entities. The Embassy also understands the need to establish a point of contact within the GOAJ to coordinate efforts and recommends any MOU list Prime Minister Artur Rasizade as the point of contact. Rasizade chairs the GOAJ interagency working group covering CEIP issues.
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